

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS:

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The examiner rejected claim 24 under 35 USC §112, second paragraph for the use of the phrase "may be". Claim 24 has been amended to remove that phrase and replace it with a definite phrase.

The examiner rejected claim 25 under 35 USC §102 (b) as being anticipated by Kerrebrock. The applicant respectfully submits that applicant's understanding of Kerrebrock is that Kerrebrock accomplishes adjustment of the compression ratio by adjusting the phase angle of the compressor and not by adjusting the speed of the compressor. Claim 25 specifies the adjustment of the effective compression ratio by adjusting the relative speeds of the compressor shaft and crankshaft.

Applicant respectfully submits that the specification, claims and drawings are now in proper form, and that the pending claims define allowable subject matter. Accordingly, applicant respectfully requests that a timely Notice of Allowance be issued in this case.

Respectfully Submitted,



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